# Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

## 1827.

### ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, September 11th, A. L. 5827.

PRESENT:

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| M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS, | Grand High Priest. |
| E. SAMUEL CLARKE, | Grand King, *pro tem.* |
| " SIMON W. ROBINSON, | Grand Scribe, *pro tem.* |
| " ABRAHAM A. DAME, | Grand Treasurer. |
| " SAMUEL HOWE, | Grand Secretary. |
| Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, | Grand Marshal. |
| Rev. Comp. JAMES SABINE, | Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.* |
| Comp. EDW'D A. RAYMOND, " ROBERT KEITH, | Grand Stewards. |
| " JOSIAH BALDWIN, | Grand Tyler. |

*Past Officers.*

E. HENRY PURKETT, E. ROBERT LASH,
E. JOHN J. LORING.

*The following Chapters were represented, viz:*— St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Brookfield, Concord, Mount Horeb, St. Luke's, and Bethlehem.



The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, *Voted*, that E. Comp. Otis Hayden be excused for appearing without his appropriate jewel.

A communication from M.E. Joseph K. Stapleton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, was read, and, on motion, committed to M.E. Comp. Daniel L. Gibbens, and E. Comps. Simon W. Robinson, Samuel Clarke, John J. Loring, and Paul Dean.

The following report was read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the M.E. Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and the circular from the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, respectfully submit the following report:

That the subject matter of those communications was submitted to the consideration of this Grand Chapter at its last annual meeting, and after mature deliberation, it was considered inexpedient to take any order thereon. Your Committee has not been unmindful of the intense interest which was excited subsequently, and which has been kept alive in the bosom of every sincere friend to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry, and has availed itself of such information on this subject as could be obtained from the communications of the several Grand Chapters and from other sources. And while they respect and honor that spirit of devotedness and zeal which has led to the adoption of certain precautionary measures in some of our sister institutions, they are unanimously of opinion that the course hitherto pursued by this Grand Chapter has proved to be a judicious one, and that it is inexpedient to adopt any new regulation on the subject referred to, or to deviate from the usages and customs which have so essentially contributed to our *security, peace and usefulness.*

For the Committee, DANIEL L. GIBBENS.

GRAND CHAPTER, Sept. 11, 1827.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Chapter, having considered the subject thereof, respectfully report:

That the prayer of the petition of this respectable Chapter is for an authority to hold alternate meetings, by semi-annual changes at Princeton and Fitchburg. The reasons assigned are, that as the members of this Chapter are nearly in equal numbers from each town, and there not being a sufficient number of companions in Fitchburg to justify the institution, in that place, of a new Chapter, those living in Fitchburg are subject to inconvenience and expense in the discharge of their Masonic duties; the question therefore to be decided is, whether the inconvenience complained of will justify the Grand Chapter in granting a privilege which will in all probability be attended with many embarrassing consequences. Your Committee are of opinion that many Chapters under this jurisdiction are subject to similar, if not greater inconveniences, and would be entitled to all the rights and privileges which a precedent placed on the records of this Grand Chapter would seem to warrant. Among the many evils to be apprehended by such an indulgence are—a tendency to disturb the harmony of the present system—to unsettle the location of Chapters, and to encourage an itinerant spirit which the Grand Chapter have hitherto thought it their duty to suppress. For these reasons, your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

ABRAHAM A. DAME,
JOHN J. LORING, } *Committee.*

On motion, *Voted*, to accept the above report.

The Committee appointed to procure additional regalia for the use of the Grand Chapter have attended to that duty, and respectfully report, viz:

That they have procured new dresses complete for the four first officers, and new jewels and collars for all the officers of the Grand Chapter. The expense incurred is two hundred ninety-six dollars,



twenty-five cents. Your Committee, in the discharge of this duty, have endeavored to limit the expenditure as far as practicable, while they were desirous of having all the articles furnished, of a suitable and proper description and quality, to maintain the respectability and advance the interests of this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted by

ABRAHAM A. DAME,
SIMON W. ROBINSON,
EDW'D A. RAYMOND, } *Committee.*

Grand Chapter, Sept. 11, 1827.

On motion, *Voted*, To accept the above report, and that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to said Committee, for their faithful services and the taste exhibited in the completion of the duty assigned them.

On motion, *Voted*, That the dispensation granted to Sutton Chapter be extended for the term of three months, from the 26th of Sept. inst.

On motion, *Voted*, That the dispensation granted to Bethlehem Chapter, be continued for twelve months from this date.

On motion, *Voted*, That 1 o'clock be assigned for the choice of officers for this Grand Chapter for the year ensuing.

A petition for relief from Rev. Comp. Thomas A. Rich of Charlton, presented by Comp. Eddy, was read and committed to the Committee on Charity.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of dispensing with a dinner at the annual meetings of this Grand Chapter, reported progress, and asked leave to sit

again, when, after debate, it was *Voted*, That said Committee be discharged from any further duty.

The Committee on Charity, to whom was referred the petition of Rev. Comp. Thomas A. Rich, recommend that the sum of twenty dollars be given him from the funds of this Grand Chapter, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to Comp. Eddy.

(Signed,) MICHAEL ROULSTONE, per order.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, respectfully report, viz:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them by the Constitution, and examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, which they find very correctly kept, rightly cast and properly vouched.

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| The Grand Treasurer had in his hands at the settlement of account the last year, a balance of | $893 16 |
| He has since received from the several Chapters under the jurisdiction, for fees, &c., . . | 983 50 |
| From the Grand Secretary for diplomas, . . | 11 50 |
| | $1888 16 |
| The Grand Treasurer has paid on account of the Grand Chapter, for sundry expenses, including the sum of $296.25 for new regalia,, . . | 817 36 |
| Leaving in his hands a balance of . . . | $1070 80 |

The Grand Treasurer's account accompanies and makes a part of this report.

The Committee are perfectly satisfied with the neat and correct manner with which the official business of the departments under examination, have been conducted.



The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines receiving any compensation for his valuable services, and is therefore entitled to the thanks of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the sum of sixty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, for his services for the past year, this sum being considered a very moderate compensation for the increasing duties of that department.

The Treasurer reports that returns have been received from all the Chapters under the jurisdiction to the year 1826, inclusive, excepting Franklin Chapter at Greenfield, which is in arrears for the years 1825 and 1826, and King Solomon's Chapter at Charlton for the year 1826.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD, } *Committee*
THOMAS TOLMAN, } *of Finance.*

Boston, Sept. 10, 1827.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. John R. Bradford, Abraham A. Dame, and Simon W. Robinson, be a Committee to consider the expediency of altering the 7th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter resolved itself into Committee of the whole,—Comp. Henry Purkett in the chair, for the purpose of electing the officers for the year ensuing.

Comps. Loring, Whiting, and Brown, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes.

On counting the votes it appeared that M.E. Comp. DAN'L L. GIBBENS of Boston, was unanimously re-elected Grand High Priest. Comps. Clark, Tolman, Bradbury, Traill, and Dame, were appointed a Committee to wait on Comp. Gibbens and inform him of his re-election, who signified his

acceptance and was introduced in due form. The following officers were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices, viz:

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| E. Rich'd S. Spofford of Newburyport, | Grand King. |
| " Rev. Samuel Clarke of Princeton, | Grand Scribe. |
| E. Abraham A. Dame of Boston, | Grand Treasurer. |
| " Samuel Howe of Boston, | Grand Secretary. |

The Committee of the whole then rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to the Chairman of the Committee of the whole, and the Committee who collected and assorted the votes.

The following appointments were then made, viz:

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| E. & Rev. Benjamin Huntoon of Canton, | Dep. G. High Priest |
| " " Sebastian Streeter of Boston, | Grand Chaplains. |
| " " Samuel Barrett of Boston, | |
| " " Seth Alden of Marlborough, | |
| Comp. Michael Roulstone, | Grand Marshal. |
| " Elijah Atherton, | Grand Lecturers. |
| " Edward A. Raymond, | |
| " John R. Bradford, | Committee of Finance. |
| " Elias Haskell, | |
| " Gilbert Nurse, | |
| " Michael Roulstone, | Committee on Charity. |
| " Samuel Howe, | |
| " Simon W. Robinson, | |
| " Robert Keith, | Grand Stewards. |
| " John P. Bigelow, | |
| " Josiah Baldwin, | Grand Tyler. |

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer, under the direction of the Grand High Priest, be requested to invest



the funds of this Grand Chapter, or such part of them as may not be wanted for the ordinary expenses.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Dame, Loring, and Purkett, be a Committee to inquire why Franklin Chapter at Greenfield has not paid their dues, and report at the next stated meeting.

On motion, *Voted*, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated for charitable purposes the ensuing year.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
*Grand Secretary.*

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## SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Sutton, in the county of Worcester, on Wednesday, October 17th, A. L. 5827.

Present:

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| M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, | Grand High Priest. |
| E. Benjamin Huntoon, | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| " Samuel Clarke, | Grand King, *pro tem.* |
| " Simon W. Robinson, | Grand Scribe, *pro tem.* |
| " Samuel Howe, | Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.* |
| Comp. John P. Bigelow, | Grand Secretary, *pro tem.* |
| Rev. Sebastian Streeter, | Grand Chaplain. |
| Comp. Michael Roulstone, | Grand Marshal. |

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| Comp. | Henry H. Barton, | Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.* |
| " | Edward A. Raymond, | Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.* |
| " | Augustus W. Roberts, | Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.* |
| " | Robert Keith, | Grand Steward. |
| " | Walton Felch, | Grand Steward, *pro tem.* |
| " | John Homans, | Gr. Masters of Vails. |
| " | Otis Hayden, | |
| " | George Vickers, | |
| " | Joseph Jephierson, | Grand Standard Bearers. |
| " | Wales Adams, | |
| " | Joseph L. Freeman, | |
| " | Benjamin Wilson, | Bearer of Great Lights. |
| " | Lewis Thayer, | Grand Tyler, *pro tem.* |

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following commission and report thereon was read, viz:

Boston, October 15, A. L. 5827.

To E. Comps. B. Huntoon, and S. W. Robinson:

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, will convene at Sutton, on Wednesday next, for the purpose of consecrating the Chapter in that place, and installing its officers.

Agreeably to the Constitution, you are authorized and requested to examine the officers in open Chapter, as to their qualifications to perform the requisite duties, their mode of work, records and by-laws, to ascertain if these all conform to the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and to the ancient usages and customs of Royal Arch Masons, and make report to me of your doings, at ten o'clock, on the morning of the said day.

Respectfully,
Your Companion,
DANIEL L. GIBBENS,
*Grand High Priest.*



Mason's Hall,
Sutton, Oct. 17th, 1827.

M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, *Grand High Priest:*

In compliance with your instructions of the 15th inst., your Committee have visited Sutton Chapter, and examined its officers elect, and inspected its records, by-laws, method of instruction and mode of work. We find its officers skillful and accurate in performing the interesting duties of their respective stations, of irreproachable morals and Masonic character; its members zealous and ardent in their attachment to the principles of the Fraternity, and we therefore cheerfully recommend the said Chapter to you for consecration, and its officers for installation.

Very respectfully, yours,

Benjamin Huntoon, } *Committee of*
S. W. Robinson, } *Examination.*

*Voted*, That the above report be accepted.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and proceeded to the meeting house, where an appropriate address was delivered by Rev. Comp. Benjamin Wood.

Sutton Chapter was then solemnly consecrated, and the following officers installed in ancient form by their corresponding Grand Officers, viz:

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| M.E. | Jonas L. Sibley, | High Priest. |
| E. | Thomas Harback, | King. |
| " | Caleb Chase, | Scribe. |
| Comp. | Daniel Tourtellot, | Treasurer. |
| " | Daniel Tenney, | Secretary. |
| Rev. Comp. | Benj. Wood, | Chaplain. |
| Comp. | Silas Blake, | Royal Arch Captain. |
| " | Amasa Roberts, | Captain of Host. |
| " | D. G. Livermore, | Principal Sojourner. |

Comp. HARVEY PARK, }
" NEHEMIAH CHASE, } . Masters of Vails.
" JOTHAM GALE, }
" SIMEON WOODBURY, }
" SIMON TENNEY, Jr., } . Stewards.
" WILLIAM NEWHALL, . Marshal.
" DANIEL WOODBURY, . Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was then escorted to their room, and closed in due form. They with the companions and brethren partook of a dinner provided for the occasion, and separated in harmony and good fellowship.

A true record from minutes of Comp. John P. Bigelow.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
*Grand Secretary.*

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## STATED COMMUNICATION.

At the Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Tuesday evening, December 11th, A. L. 5827.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS, . Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON, . Deputy Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, . Grand King.
" SAMUEL CLARKE, . . Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, . Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . . Grand Secretary.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, . Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, } Grand Stewards.
" JOHN P. BIGELOW, }
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . . Grand Tyler.



*Past Officers.*

E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN, E. HENRY PURKETT,
E. NATHANIEL KNAPP.

*The following Chapters were represented, viz:*—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Adoniram, Franklin, Rising Sun, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Northampton, Concord, St. Luke's, and Bethlehem.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report was read:

The Committee appointed by this Grand Chapter at the annual Communication, September 11, 1827, to take into consideration a communication from M.E. Joseph K. Stapleton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, have attended to the duty and beg leave to report, viz:

The substance of said communication is a request that this Grand Chapter would recognize the degree of Select Mason, and authorize Subordinate Chapters to confer it, previous to the Royal Arch degree.

Upon full investigation of the subject, your Committee would state, that the degree of Select Mason is not recognized by any history of Royal Arch Masonry, either written or traditionary. Neither is it recognized by the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to which this Grand Chapter is subordinate and responsible.

It is also known, that for several years, this degree has been conferred by Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and that recently a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters has been organized in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which claims the right to protect it, and authorize its being conferred by Subor-

dinate Councils. This Grand Council has for its first presiding officer and Master, E. Comp. Abraham A. Dame, Esq.

Should this Grand Chapter recognize this degree, it is believed that it would not only be a direct interference with another independent body of Masons, but also an innovation upon the principles and usages of Royal Arch Masonry.

For these reasons, (though with the highest respect for the opinion and wishes of the Grand Chapter of Maryland,) your Committee recommend that no measures be taken by this Grand Chapter, in relation to the degree of Select Mason.

SAMUEL CLARKE, per order.

Grand Chapter, Boston, Dec. 11, 1827.

On motion, *Voted*, To accept the above report, and the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the same to the Grand High Priest of the State of Maryland.

The following report was read and unanimously accepted.

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, to consider the expediency of altering the seventh article of the Constitution, having attended to that duty, respectfully report, the following alterations in the second paragraph, viz: to strike out the word "requested" in the second line, and insert "directed by the Grand High Priest." Also in the 5th and 6th lines, strike out the words "the parties so employing him," and insert "this Grand Chapter."

The paragraph in the 7th article will then read, "It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer, when directed by the Grand High Priest, to visit any Chapter under this jurisdiction, and teach them the lectures, mode of work, and all things appertaining to the interest of the degrees and government of the Chapter. And this



Grand Chapter shall make him a reasonable compensation for his services."

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD, per order.

Boston, December 10, 1827.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the causes why Franklin Chapter had not paid their dues to this Grand Chapter, have the pleasure to report, that shortly after the appointment of your Committee, Franklin Chapter paid to the Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, all the fees due from said Chapter, consequently it became unnecessary for your Committee to take any measures thereon.

ABRAHAM A. DAME, per order.

Grand Chapter, December 11, 1827.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

A communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky, respecting a dissolution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, was read, and on motion, *Voted*, That the subject be committed to Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Benjamin Huntoon, Abraham A. Dame, Samuel Clarke, and Simon W. Robinson.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
*Grand Secretary.*

## STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, June 10th, A. L. 5828, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

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| M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS, | Grand High Priest. |
| E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON, | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| " PAUL DEAN, | Grand King, *pro tem.* |
| " HENRY PURKETT, | Grand Scribe, *pro tem.* |
| " ABRAHAM A. DAME, | Grand Treasurer. |
| " SAMUEL HOWE, | Grand Secretary. |
| E. & Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, " " SETH ALDEN, | Grand Chaplains. |
| Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, | Grand Marshal. |
| " JOHN P. BIGELOW, " ROBERT KEITH, | Grand Stewards. |
| " JOSIAH BALDWIN, | Grand Tyler. |

*Past Officers.*

E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY, E. ROBERT LASH,
E. JOHN J. LORING.

*The following Chapters were represented, viz:* — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, St. Luke's, and Bethlehem.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were readand approved.

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, made the following report, viz:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, to take into consideration the subject of a dissolution of



the General Grand Chapter, as recommended in a circular from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, respectfully report, viz:

That the principal reasons assigned for the discontinuance of that institution, are the danger of its members becoming too numerous, the appointment and votes of proxies having a tendency to undue influence, and the frequency of its meetings. It is believed that no very great inconvenience has yet been experienced from either of these causes, and if any is to be apprehended, it will probably be obviated by the revision of the Constitution, which is now in the hands of an able Committee for amendment.

Another objection urged by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky is, the great distance of the place of meeting from the several Grand Chapters.

But it appears to your Committee that this ought not to be considered a great burthen, now that the facilities for a general attendance are so much greater than when the General Grand Chapter was instituted. And besides, the several Grand Chapters are in a more eligible situation as to funds than they formerly were.

The fact that the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is not acknowledged by all the Grand Institutions in the United States, your Committee consider but at best a negative reason for its dissolution. For if there be any advantages to be derived to any association, from having a general and confederate head, those who do not submit to its jurisdiction, must of course be deprived of its protection, assistance and privileges.

The same reasons with increased force now exist for its continuance, which first led to its establishment, and these the memorial from Kentucky admits may have been good, and that the institution may have been useful at first when the number of Chapters in our country was small, but it adds, that since Grand Chapters have increased and been established in most of the States, the existence of the General Grand Chapter is no longer necessary. Your Committee are of opinion that the reverse of this is true, and the greater the number of Subordinate Chapters, the more

necessity exists for a superintending power to regulate and control their proceedings.

The General Grand Chapter stands in the same relation to the State Grand Chapters, as the general government does to the governments of states and commonwealths. With equal propriety, therefore, might it be urged, that the jurisdiction of the general government was useful at the commencement of the union, but ought to be abolished, now that the states have doubled, as to assert that the General Grand Chapter might be necessary when its branches were but few, but has now become unnecessary when its branches have increased in a compound ratio.

An additional reason for its continuance is found in the fact that an almost overwhelming weight of opinion in the several Grand Chapters, appears to be in its favor.

At the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter, it was decided by yeas and nays after a very full discussion and due deliberation, that it was inexpedient to take any further order on the subject of dissolving that institution; on that question there were 49 yeas and 2 nays.

It is not only possible, but probable, that at a period not far distant, the whole Masonic union may be combined under one general head and united by the same general ties, duties and interests. When the advantages of such a coalition are considered, when we reflect what a fund of information, good will and generous feeling would be thrown into the common stock, how much harmony and social intercourse between different sections of our widely extended country would be promoted, how much uniformity in fees, lectures and labors would be created, how many local opinions and prejudices would be corrected or eradicated, and how much valuable information disseminated by the existence of the General Grand Chapter, we cannot without violence to our own feelings, and doing manifest injustice to the opinion of a majority of our companions, recommend the adoption of the measure proposed by our sister Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and therefore offer for the consideration of this Grand Chapter the following resolution.



*Resolved*, As the sense of this Grand Chapter, that no positive good effects could possibly result from a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, but on the contrary much injury would arise to Subordinate Chapters, and to the interests of the institution generally. Therefore, it is inexpedient to take any further order on the subject.

For the Committee,

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, *Chairman.*

Boston, June 10, A. L. 5828.

On motion, *Voted, unanimously*, That the above report be accepted, and the Grand Secretary be requested to send a copy of the same, to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

A petition from E. Comp. Thomas Barstow, in behalf of Bethlehem Chapter for an extension of their dispensation was read, and on motion it was *Voted* to extend the same until the meeting of the Grand Chapter in December next.

The following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter is deeply afflicted by the dispensation of Providence which has taken from them their illustrious companion, the pride and honor of the craft, the M.E. DE WITT CLINTON, late High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

*Resolved*, That we sympathize with our companions in our common loss of a great and good man, who stood highest in our affections, as well as in our institutions, and who by his exalted virtues and brilliant labors presented himself as a model for Masons and men to imitate and admire.

*Resolved*, That emblems of mourning for the loss of our excellent companion, shall be placed in the Hall at all the meetings of this Grand Chapter, during the present year.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will adjourn until half past 7 o'clock, this evening, for the purpose of attending religious services and an Eulogium on the talents and virtues of our most distinguished and deceased brother.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter adjourned to half past 7 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter convened agreeable to adjournment, with a numerous assembly of distinguished companions from various parts of the State. The solemn services commenced with an anthem. The throne of grace was addressed in prayer by Rev. Comp. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D. D. A chaste, impressive and appropriate Eulogium on the life and virtues of the illustrious deceased was pronounced by Rev. Comp. Benjamin Huntoon, Deputy Grand High Priest. An Elegy composed for the occasion, by Comp. Samuel H. Jenks, was sung by a companion, and the services concluded with prayer and benediction by Rev. Comp. Streeter, Senior Grand Chaplain. The Hall was very tastefully and appropriately shrouded and decorated, and all the arrangements evinced the heavy loss which the fraternity has sustained in the death of their General Grand High Priest. Communications were received from several venerable companions, expressing their regret that advanced age and precarious health prevented their presence on the interesting occasion.

On motion, *Voted*, That E. Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Henry Purkett, and Rev. Paul Dean, be appointed a Committee to wait on E. and Rev. Comp. Huntoon, and in behalf of the Grand Chapter, to thank him for the appropriate and pathetic Eulogium on the life and character of our late worthy and respected Comp. De Witt Clinton, High



Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, delivered before them this evening, and request a copy for the press.

The Grand Chapter was then closed, omitting the usual ceremonies.

A true record,

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
*Grand Secretary.*

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

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| St. Andrew's, Boston, | Charter dated | A. L. 5769 |
| King Cyrus, Newburyport, | do. | 5790 |
| St. John's, Groton, | do. | 5803 |
| King Solomon's, Charlton, | do. | 5805 |
| Washington, Salem, | do. | 5811 |
| King Hiram's, Greenwich, | do. | 5815 |
| Adoniram, Taunton, | do. | 5816 |
| Morning Star, Springfield, | do. | 5817 |
| Franklin, Greenfield, | do. | 5817 |
| Rising Sun, Nantucket, | do. | 5818 |
| St. Paul's, Boston, | do. | 5818 |
| Mount Zion, Stoughton, | do. | 5820 |
| Thomas, Princeton, | do. | 5821 |
| Worcester, Worcester, | do. | 5823 |
| Mount Lebanon, Medway, | do. | 5824 |
| Brookfield, Brookfield, | do. | 5825 |
| Northampton, Northampton, | do. | 5825 |
| Concord, Concord, | do. | 5826 |
| Mount Horeb, Lowell, | do. | 5826 |
| St. Luke's, Marblehead, | do. | 5826 |
| Bethlehem, New Bedford, | do. | 5826 |
| Sutton, Sutton, | do. | 5826 |

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to Samuel Howe, Grand Secretary, Boston.

# Massachusetts Convention

OF

# High Priests.

This Convention was established in its present form, on the 6th day of November, 1826, and has conferred the Order of High Priest on the following companions.

Nov. 16, 1826.

M.E. Comp. John James Loring, H. P. of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston.

M.E. Comp. Timothy Dyer, Bethlehem Chapter, New Bedford.

December 12.

Rev. and M.E. Comp. Sebastian Streeter, P. H. P. Washington Chapter, No. 3, Portsmouth, N. H.

Rev. and M.E. Benjamin Huntoon, P. H. P. Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton.

M.E. Comp. William Whiting, H. P. Concord Chapter, Concord.

M.E. Comp. Otis Hayden, H. P. Brookfield Chapter, Brookfield.

M.E. Ebenezer Bradbury, H. P. King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport.

M.E. Joel Talbot, H. P. Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton.

July 27, 1827.

M.E. Joseph Warren White, Dep. G. H. P. Grand R. A. Chapter of New Hampshire.

September 11.

M.E. and Rev. Sam'l Clarke, H. P. Thomas Chapter, Princeton.

M.E. Comp. Ephraim Kempton, H. P. Bethlehem Chapter, New Bedford.

M.E. Comp. JOHN TRAILLE, H. P. St. Luke's Chapter, Marblehead.

December 11.

M.E. Comp. JOHN HOWARD, H. P. Adoniram Chapter, Taunton.

M.E. Comp. JONATHAN REYNOLDS, H. P. Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton.

Jan. 31, 1828.

M.E. Comp. EDWARD ASA RAYMOND, H. P. St. Paul's Chapter, Boston.

M.E. Comp. CHAS. RUSSELL, H. P. Thomas Chapter, Princeton.

M.E. Comp. RICHARD COLTON, H. P. Franklin Chapter, Greenfield.

September 9.

M.E. Comp. JONATHAN G. JOHNSON, H. P. King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport.

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Officers of the Convention elected annually in September, on the day of the election of the officers of the Grand Chapter.

*Officers for the ensuing year.*

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| M.E. and Rev. | PAUL DEAN, | President. |
| " | DANIEL L. GIBBENS, | Vice President. |
| " | ABRAHAM A. DAME, | Treasurer. |
| " | ROBERT LASH, | Secretary. |
| " | and Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, | Chaplain. |
| " | JOHN R. BRADFORD, | Master of Ceremonies. |
| " | THOMAS TOLMAN, | Conductor. |
| " | SIMON W. ROBINSON, | Herald. |

Abstract from record,

Attest, R. LASH, *Secretary.*